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"One day it happened that I received a letter, informing me that my mother was sick. The poor dear woman! I desired to go and see her; I asked leave of absence—it was not granted. I recalled her last words. 'If you love me, do your duty,' and I was resigned. Soon after I heard that she, my mother, was dead. Then my brain turned. At any price, at all hazards, I determined to return to the country. Whence sprang this ardent, this impetuous longing, to visit the place where my mother had just died? I will confuse to you the cause. Since you have a mother; since you love her; since she loves you, you can comprehend me. We peasants of the Morvan are simple and credulous men. We have neither the instruction nor the science that is found in cities, but we have our beliefs, which you of the city call superstitions. Of what consequence is it whether they be called

that is found in cities, but we have our beliefs, which you of the city call superstitions. Of what consequence is it whether they be called one or the other? We have them, and skillful, indeed, must he be who can tear them from our soul. Now one of the beliefs which we most firmly hold, is that which attributes to the first flower that blows upon a newly sodded grave, so great a virtue, that he who gathers that flower can never forget the dead, or be forgotten of them. Dear and charming belief! With that thought, death has nothing to excite a fear; for death, without forgetfulness, is nothing more than a mild sleep—it is only a repose after long fatigues.

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"And that flower! I desired carnestly to see it spring up, I wished to gather it, and so I left the camp. After ten day's steady, painful walking, I reached my mother's grave. The earth seemed to be freshly heaped up. No flower had appeared. I waited—six weeks rolled away; then, in the first dawn of a beautiful day, I saw expanding a little flower of azure blue. It was one of those flowers which the people of the city call Myosotes, but which we country folks call 'Forget-me-not."

"In gathering it, I shed tears of delight, for it seemed to me as if this little flower was the soul of my mother; that she had felt my presence, and under the form of this flower, she had returned to offer herself to me. Nothing retained me in the country, for my father soon followed my mother to the grave, and I had gathered my precious flower, and what more did I need?

"I remembered my mother's counsels, 'do your duty;' so I inquired for the gend'armes, and said to them, 'I am a deserter, arrest mic'.'

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Governor Walker has issued a letter explanatory of his course in Kansas, and giving his reasons for resigning. We have not time to give a synopsis of it.

Let every American voter see that his name is on the assessment list, or he may lose his vote. feelfa revisad to have

UNCLEJOHNATHAN'S FAMILY JARS. Uncle Jonathan married for the thirty and ddth time, a while ago, a very young, vol atile, spirited, tartarish sort of a lady; one who "knows her rights, and knowing dare maintain." There was much negotiation previous to the final contract of marriage being entered into, the lady being somewhat particular in securing her right to manage her own affairs in her own way, after the bonds of matrimony should have been tied, and her best friends be-

ing strongly opposed to the match.

Uncle Jonathan was so bent upon accom olishing the desire of his heart, that he was not long in agreeing to the lady's terms, though there was one condition he did not at all relish. Her proposition was that she should have everything her bund way; that is to say, she should be get periodly free to form and regulate her own domestic institutions, and should be troughted with mb. "intervention," on the part of her herband on sid guident eye sid—strad to blot

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Some years ago Mr. Clay took exception to

the practice in the Senate, it having sprung up there during his absence from 1842 to 1849, and upon his motion a resolution was the adopted by the Senate that the death of no one who had not taken his seat in either body after his election, should be announced in that

There is another practice which is now pr vailing in both branches of Congress, which we think it well enough to notice. Upon the death of Mr. J. Q. Adams, who fell in his seat and died, after lingering two or three days in the Speaker's room, considering the impressive circumstances of the case, and that he had filled so many of the highest offices, including that of the President of the United States, it was thought proper that, in announcing his death publicly to the House and the Senate, culogies should come from different States and sections of the Union; and they were accordingly pronounced, first by a member from his own State, and then by Governor McDowell, of Virginia, Mr. Holmes, of South Carolina, and several other gentlemen. Up to that time the practice had been for one member only to speak on such occasions, though it was sometimes the case that in seconding the resolutions another member, and but one other, made some few remarks. But soon after Mr. Adams's death, followed the decease of Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Clay, and Mr. Webster, each and all sufficiently eminent to call forth the tribute of praise, and the expression of a nation's sorrow, from many sources; since, then, however, that which great occasions warranted as an exception to a gen-eral sule; has become the common practice. For durantes, we cannot put think this ev.

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worried. He thought he would play General the death of somebody who had been elected a member of Congress, but who had never attempt; but he finds, however, that his will is not the law, and that there are some refrac tory spirits who will not keep step to any music he may think proper to pipe. The signs of rebellion in the Senate, in the House, and in we do not know who the individual was; he may have been a most able and worthy person; but to require members to join in manifesting such respect for the memory of one whom they never saw, and never before heard of, and for whom they can therefore entertain no feelings other than such as they have for any human being wholly unknown to them, is, it seems to us, bordering upon the absurd, and turning solemnity into a farce.

Mr. Marshall very properly objected to such a procedure. more expressive than elegant or classical Listen to its dulcet tones:

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"On a single point there is a diversity of or inion among members of the Democratic party as to the proper policy to pursue. The issue is a temporary one, that must quickly find its solution in the action of the people of Kansas themselves, or in the authoritative action of Congress. Wisdom and sound policy urge that no hasty decision shall be pronounced upon a transitory issue which might array a section of the party against a Democratic administration and a great majority of its own members."

members."
The Douglases, the Coxes,—who have already spoken—and all other Democrats who intend to "define their position" on the Kansas embrolio, are here gently and kindly admon-ished not to be in a hurry,—that they should be patient, submissive, docile, and not flare up too soon. Mr. Buchanan has already removed Mr. Stanton, and compelled, it is stated, Gov. Walker to resign, sent out Mr. Denver as vir tual governor of Kansas, and having done all this, there are strong hopes that harmony and unity of sentiment in the Democratic party will soon be restored; and if not, that he will be able to shoot the deserters, and whip in the refractory.

DISINTERESTED FRIENDSHIP11 We have been informed of a case of disinter ested friendship which is worthy of notice, and as being illustrative of the remark of Calhoun, that the "Democratic party is held together by the cohesive influence of public plunder." One of the employees, under the late Clerk of the House of Representatives, had, in the hope of securing his place with the present incumbent applied to a member for his influence, which was promptly promised, and induced the applicant to believe that he would be retained, as he reposed full faith in the kindness and sin-cerity of the honorable member. But, to his cerity of the honorable member. But, to his astonishments his dismissal came — and his blue is new held by the on of this same disinterested, sincere benarable members. Thus, the times are tight that fiving is high in Washington, and Longressmen, was these histotree thousand operationers in but ped play to work for their constituents, so that any small place, whereign the your puts as a showever handred year, with any or reported as applying that old adapting that the reported as applying that old adapting that the resource of places and proper is nothing about the resource of places and proper is see given. The were or little weight when more bar sephele to be non-ell-trode, guidon the control of the co REVISENCE RESPONDE CONTROL OF THE STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PR

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From a very temperate and well written article upon the moral aspect of our country, in the Concord N. H. Statesman, we take the following truthful extract:

"If the condition of the country be estimated by what there is within it to support the life of its millions of inhabitants, it was never in better case; but if its moral condition to smalyzed, it will be discovered that never in preportion to its population, were vice and crime so prevalent as now. The ancient restaint upon lad men seem to be impaired, if not removed. Prisons are without the dread they once awakened; the gallows is divested of the awa. It formely inspired. Election frauds, so montrous as to make the elective franchise almost a farce, are becoming common occurrences, and to overpower the honest vote of a State, by returns of fraudulent votes of roally gigantic number, is by no means a rate process of the self-styled Democratic party. Defalentions by men centrusted with the money of other people, are every-day incidents, and depredations upon the Treasury of the nation compose that "sharp practice" which, in the regard of some people, entitle those who commit them to be called "shrewd men." A superintendent of the Government Printing at Washington takes office at a stipulated salary of the deer people's money in his pocket, while they who put him in probably regard the occurrence only as the result of a "fair business transaction." A great and very valuable trait of public land is secretly sold to a partisan government favorite (probably with a dozen) and which would have brought not less that is worth from \$75 to \$100, and which would have brought to the state of public sale, and not a man of all those with the would have brought to the state of public sale, and not a man of all those of the specific public sale, and not a man of all those with the content favorite (probably with a dozen) and which would have brought to be sale. Shore.

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\$11 an acre, that is worth from \$75 to \$100, and which would have brought not less than \$30 at a public sale, and not a man of all those who conduct the Administration press has the moral principle and independence to denounce a piece of political favoritism that is without a precedent in the Union.

"There seems to be a deluge of iniquities, of all grades, from ordinary peccadilloes to flagrant crimes, precipitated upon the country, so numerous and so wide-spread that their presence cannot be accounted for through the ordinary processes of enquiry, or according to the usual deductions of the understanding of discerning men. Crime is becoming more prevalent in the United States than within the governments of Western Europe, and human governments of Western Europe, and human life is taken apparently with little or no reluc-tance, when murder will put it in the power of him who commits it, to gain possession of insignificant sums of money."

Emigration.
We copy the following extracts from an article in the Southern Citizen, edited by John Mitchell, who, as an Irishman by birth, a Democrat in politics, will not be accused of national or party prejudices in relation to the views he expresses. The extracts we make will be read

with interest:

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more. Undoubtedly the flash-clubs are largely recruited from thence. Those fellows are the very men to make good Rough-skins and Blood

Also, if it be a fact, as we have charged, that paupers are sent hither, through Canada or otherwise, by Emigration Societies—and that criminals are sent hither frem Bermuda by the British Government itself, we presume it is a mat er calling for the remonstrance and interposition of the American Administration. Ship-Captains who bring such passengers, ought to be brought to condign purishment; and the Government which continues such a practice ought to be regarded as our worst enemy.

We have no intention in this article of suggesting special changes in the naturalization laws. Five years give more than time enough to grow familiar with an affair so simple as the American Laws and Constitution—that is to say as familiar as the average of native—and as is needful to make a good citizen. The man who does not know enough of it in five years will never know.

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In short, the present naturalization laws, if strictly administered, may be sufficient. But they are notoriously administered most loosely and inefficiently. The courts which give an intending citizen his papers, often give him informal and insufficient papers, so that he cannot parfect his citizenship in another State. Thus some are kept from voting who have a right to vote. Many others are admitted who never ought to be—and evidence is taken of an applicant's fitness for the duties of an American citizen and of his attachment to the American citizen and of his attachment to the American citizen and of his attachment to the American Constitution, from the mouth of aliens, who perhaps never saw America before that day. On the whole there is a fatal facility even for the honest and bona fide immigrant. And when besides this, you consider the immense infusion of pauperism and crime, it will become apparent that the United States is in danger of being made the common alms house, refugium peccatorism and penal evicency of the worth.

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